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SUBJECT: SOVIET CRITICISM OF CODEL WOLFF REQUEST TO VISIT
SINO-SOVIET BORDER

REF: PEKING 2020

DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE A JUNE UPI ARTICLE
CONCERNING CODEL WOLFF'S PURPORTED INTENTION TO VISIT THE
SINO-SOVIET BORDER. THE FOLLOWING JULY 5 TASS ARTICLE
FROM WASHINGTON (WHICH WAS BROADCAST OVER MOSCOW RADIO)
CONTAINS THE ONLY MENTION TO OUR KNOWLEDGE OF A WOLFF VISIT
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TO THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER.
QUOTE:

AN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION, HEADED BY FRANK PRESS,
THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISER, HAS
LEFT FOR CHINA. IT INCLUDES HEADS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE MANAGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL U.S. SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS. THE NEWSPAPER WASHINGTON POST

NOTES THAT THIS IS AN "EXTRAORDINARY" DELEGATION CONSTITUTING THE MOST IMPRESSIVE GROUP OF HIGH-PLACED SCIENTISTS WASHINGTON HAD EVER SENT ABROAD.

THE TRIP, IT IS POINTED OUT BY THE PRESS, WAS PLANNED DURING THE RECENT VISIT TO THE PRC OF Z. BRZEZINSKI, THE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANT, WHO DISCUSSED WITH PEKING LEADERS THE POSSIBILITY OF CHINA PURCHASING MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THE NEW YORK TIMES RECALLS, IN THIS CONNECTION, OF THE PLANS TO SELL PEKING CERTAIN TYPES OF EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING ELECTRONICS, WHICH COULD BE USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

IN OTHER WORDS, UNDER THE PRETEXT OF "SCIENTIFIC" CONTACTS, ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO GIVE PEKING ACCESS TO WESTERN TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING MILITARY TECHNOLOGY, EXACTLY AT THE TIME WHEN IT IS STRIVING TO MODERNIZE ITS ARMED FORCES.

NOTEWORTHY IS THE FACT THAT A DELEGATION OF U.S. CONGRESSMEN WENT TO CHINA BEFORE THAT, WHICH, AS ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON, WOULD VISIT A STRETCH OF THE SOVIET-CHINESE BORDER AFTER TALKS IN PEKING WITH "HIGH-PLACED CHINESE OFFICIALS".

THE POINT IN QUESTION, THEREFORE, IS TO EXPAND AMERICAN-CHINESE RELATIONS ON AN ANTI-SOVIET BASIS, TO USE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"CHINESE CARD" IN THE GLOBAL GAMBLE AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION. THE SHORTSIGHTEDNESS OF SUCH ACTIONS, THEIR DANGEROUS CHARACTER FOR THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND FOR THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES PROPER, ALARM MANY REALISTICALLY-MINDED AMERICANS, WHO REALISE THAT CHINA IS CARRYING ON ITS OWN GAME, IS PURSUING EXPANSIONIST GOALS. THE NOTED AMERICAN POLITICAL ANALYST JOSEPH CRAFT URGES WASHINGTON NOT TO ADD GRIST TO THE MILL OF THE CHINESE, WHO ARE INSISTING THAT ALL THE COUNTRIES SHOULD COME OUT JOINTLY WITH THEM AGAINST THE RUSSIANS. THE "CHINESE CARD", HE WARNS, MUST NOT BE USED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION. ATTEMPTS TO PLAY THE "CHINESE CARD", IN THE OPINION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, WILL RATHER COMPLICATE THE RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW, AND IN A WAY THAT WILL BY NO MEANS PROMOTE THE AMERICAN INTERESTS.

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